National Tribal Policy

110. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have adopted National Tribal Policy, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it would be useful to the tribals across the country?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH) (a) to (c) Ministry of Tribal Affairs has formulated a draft National Tribal Policy, 2006 in order to address the issues concerning tribals *viz.* Lower Human Development Index, poor infrastructure, diminishing control over the natural resource base, persistent threats of eviction from their natural habitat, exclusion from mainstream society, inequality in distribution of wealth and opportunities, non-empowerment, and inadequate implementation of Constitutional provisions, and to ensure their active and informed participation in development. Action has been initiated for finalization of the draft Policy as per procedure.

Scholarships for tribal children

111. MISS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the tribal children who are attending schools in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh, studying in Government schools and private schools are getting stipends, scholarships or any other benefit that is due to them as tribals;

(b) the details of children who got stipend, scholarship and other benefits in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh during the last three years, district-wise and number-wise; and

(c) the number of children studying in primary schools (tribals) in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) Besides various State Governments' schemes for scholarships, stipends etc. to ST students, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs releases grants-in-aid to the State Governments under the scheme of Post-Matric Scholarships for